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Just 73 years later, the Holocaust of World War II remains among the most tragic crimes in human history. An estimated 12 million people were exterminated by the fascist, racist Nazi party — six million of them Jews, the main target of the Nazis and their deranged leader, Adolf Hitler. Philadelphia was one of the first North American cities to erect a permanent memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, with a statue in Center City. Now, that statue is complemented by a memorial plaza that is intended as a "living classroom" teaching the history of the Holocaust, the human rights that the Nazis violated, and sharing the first-hand stories of survivors through an interactive mobile app. Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 MAN SHOT TRYING TO BREAK INTO TV STATION

A security guard shot and wounded a man who kicked in the front doors of the offices of the Fox 5 channel in Washington, D.C., on Monday afternoon, the television station and police said. Security-camera video aired by the station showed the suspect, who police said was unarmed, kicking through two sets of plexiglass doors that lead into the building's lobby before being shot. "The man was reportedly confronted by a Fox 5-contracted security guard who shot the suspect in the upper torso," the channel, owned and operated by Fox Television Stations, reported. No one else was hurt, according to Fox 5 and the police. The man, who has not been publicly identified, was carried into an ambulance on a stretcher and taken to a hospital conscious but in critical condition, the channel reported. Melvin Gresham, a Metropolitan Police Department commander, told reporters at the scene the man was "stable, alert and conscious." Police did not discuss a possible motive for the incident. In June, a suspect who police said was motivated by a long-standing grudge against the Capital Gazette newspaper group in Annapolis, Md., shot and killed five people in the newsroom.

2 TRUMP: UNSATISFIED WITH SAUDI ACCOUNT

President Donald Trump said on Monday that he was still not satisfied with what he has heard from Saudi Arabia about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey, but did not want to lose investment from Riyadh. Trump spoke with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the de facto ruler of the world's top oil exporter, on Sunday. He told reporters on Monday that he has teams in Saudi Arabia and Turkey working on the case and would know more about it after they returned to Washington on Monday night or Tuesday. CIA Director Gina Haspel was traveling to Turkey on Monday to work on the Khashoggi investigation, two sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. "I am not satisfied with what I've heard," Trump told reporters at the White House. "I don't want to lose all that investment that's been made in our country. But we're going to get to the bottom of it." He later told USA Today that he believed the death was a "plot gone awry." Trump has expressed reluctance to punish the Saudis economically, citing the kingdom's multibillion-dollar purchases of U.S. military equipment and investments in U.S. companies.

3 MIGRANT CARAVAN CROSSES INTO MEXICO FROM GUATEMALA

A Mexican riot policeman protects an immigrant father and child during a clash between police and the migrant caravan on the border between Mexico and Guatemala on Oct. 19 in Ciudad Tecun Uman, Guatemala. A face-off occurred when the caravan of thousands of migrants tried to enter Mexico after pushing past Guatemalan security forces. The caravan pried open the gate into Mexico but were pushed back by Mexican riot police. Some immigrants threw stones at police, who then fired tear gas into the crowd. ***Read more on page 10.***

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4 A-LEAGUE CLUB CONFIRMS OFFER TO USAIN BOLT

Olympic sprint champion Usain Bolt has been offered a professional contract by Australian A-League outfit the Central Coast Mariners but a deal is unlikely without an external third-party financial contribution, the club said on Tuesday. The 32-year-old Jamaican, a passionate football fan, has been on trial at the club since August as he attempts to make an audacious switch to a second professional sport after one of the most decorated careers in athletics. "The club can confirm that a contract proposal has been offered by the Central Coast Mariners and negotiations remain ongoing with Usain Bolt and his management regarding his football future," the Mariners said in a statement. "The Central Coast Mariners want to ensure that Usain Bolt is given every chance possible to fulfill his dream to become a professional football player." Despite two goals in one pre-season friendly, Bolt's performances for the Mariners have not been overly impressive and manager Mike Mulvey suggested at the weekend that the Jamaican would not on current form be worth a place in his side.

5 ITALIAN SWEATER MOGUL BENETTON DIES AT AGE 77

Gilberto Benetton, a co-founder of Italian clothing retailer United Colors of Benetton who masterminded the family empire's diversification into construction, transport and catering, has died at the age of 77. The former head of family holding company Edizione which controls Italy's biggest infrastructure group Atlantia, died after a short illness, the family said on Monday. With his brothers Luciano and Carlo and sister Giuliana, Gilberto founded United Colors of Benetton in a small town in northeast Italy in 1965. Carlo died earlier this year. The retailer rose to fame in the 1980s and 1990s with its brightly colored sweaters but faced headwinds in recent times as demand for its products fell. Besides Atlantia, the Benettons, one of Italy's richest families, also control travel caterer Autogrill and Rome's airports. As the only member of the family on the Atlantia board, Gilberto faced a major crisis when a bridge in Genoa operated by a unit of Atlantia collapsed in August, killing 43 people.

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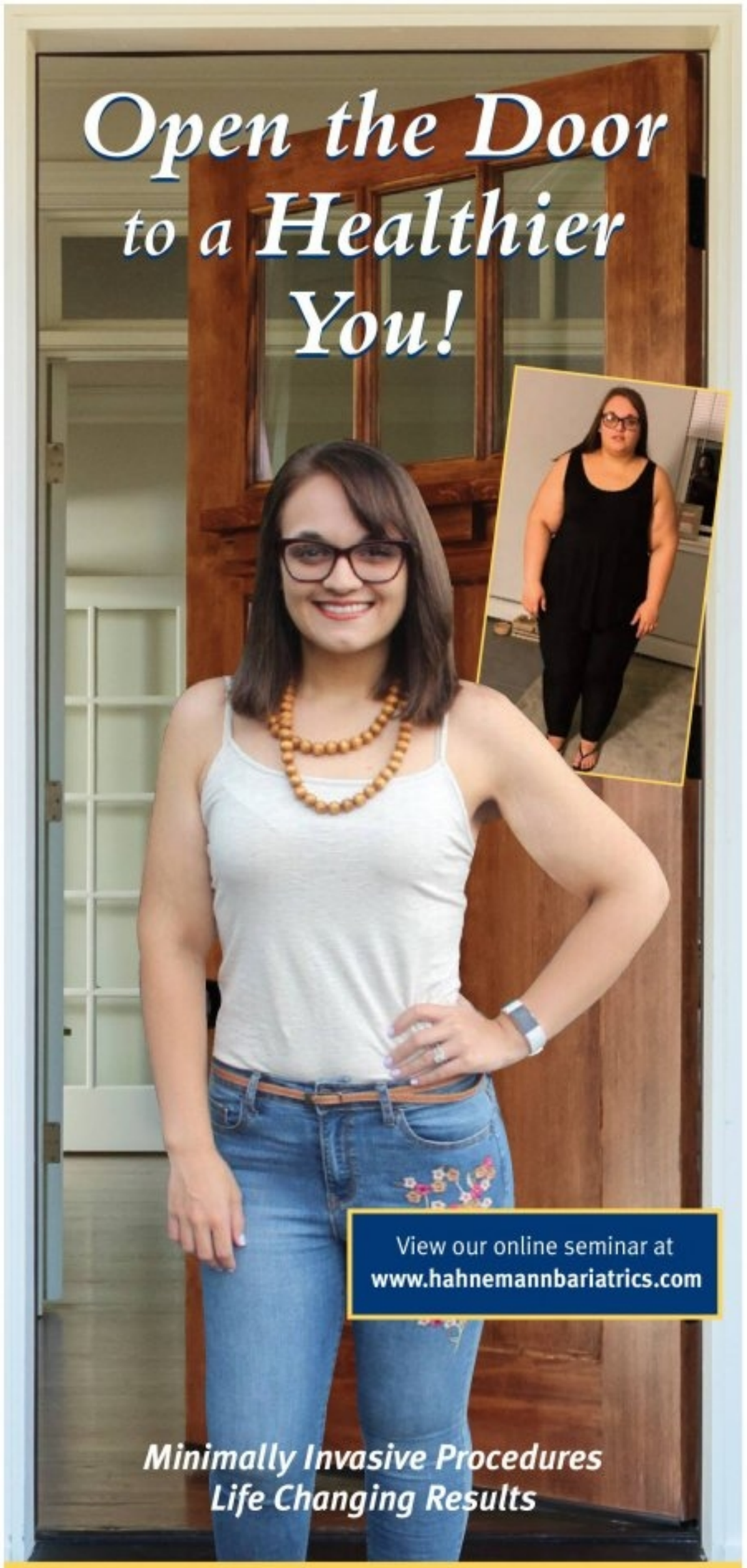
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Mega Millions $1.6B jackpot equivalent to Belize GDP

There are plenty of crazy facts that put Tuesday's record-breaking jackpot into perspective.

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It's official: The Mega Millions lottery has reached a new record with a $1.6 billion jackpot, with an immediate cash option of $904 million.

Six numbered ping-pong balls have been drawn 25 times without a winner, growing the lottery total to a staggering amount and feeding the Mega Millions frenzy.

Those who buy a Mega Millions ticket for Tuesday's drawing have a 1 in 302.6 million chance of winning that record-breaking jackpot. But $1.6 billion is a hard number to wrap your head around, so here's a few ways to understand just how big that total truly is.

While nobody won last week's over-$1 billion Mega Millions jackpot, 15 people across the country did win $1 million from the lottery (that prize, won by matching the first five numbers on a ticket, comes with odds of 1 in 12 million).

Though that's also a hefty paycheck, there's a huge difference between a million and a billion, of course. Those numbers can seem abstract, so think about it this way: One million seconds is about 12 days, while 1 billion seconds is 31.7 years.

There are about 11 million millionaires in the United States alone, but billionaires are considerably more rare. Out of the nation's 325.7 million people, only 585 are billionaires, according to Forbes.

Even within that title of billionaire, total wealth varies widely. Jeff Bezos tops the 2018 Forbes 400 list with a net worth of $160 billion. For contrast, Oprah has "only" $2.8 billion.

Winning $1.6 billion from the Mega Millions jackpot wouldn't put you on the 2018 Forbes 400 List, unfortunately — the list had a cutoff of $2.1 billion, with 18 tying for the last spot this year — but it would make you worth more than Kanye West's clothing line, Yeezy. The Yeezy brand received a valuation of $1.5 billion back in August.

The Mega Millions jackpot is also on par with the GDP of Belize. The Central American country has a gross domestic product of $1.699 billion in U.S. dollars, according to the United Nations. That means the Mega Millions jackpot is higher than the GDP of 30 countries, including Saint Lucia, the British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos.

To learn more astonishing Mega Millions facts, go to metro.us.

Kanye West's clothing line, Yeezy

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BRIEF

Mega Millions website crashes as record jackpot draws clicks

Gregory Baron, 24, and Ben Nelson, 27, on Monday were eagerly purchasing $2 tickets for the Mega Millions jackpot in hopes of winning the record-setting $1.6 billion prize and becoming among the richest people in the world.

"I would incorporate myself as a business and become my own company," Baron said inside the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, adding that he would also pay off his student loans and parents' mortgage and donate to charities if he wins.

"I would want to set myself up, but still be working so I don't erode into nothingness," Baron said.

Lottery players face odds of 1 in 303 million of winning the Mega Millions drawing Tuesday night. In comparison, the odds of getting killed by a shark are 1 in 3.7 million in a lifetime, according to the International Shark Attack File.

The Mega Millions website briefly crashed on Monday ahead of the drawing due to a surge in visitors, said a spokeswoman for the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, which administers the website. REUTERS

Medication assisted treatment a game changer for opioid addiction

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When it comes to battling addiction, the path to recovery is rarely easy. Seabrook The Heart of Recovery provides the tools to ease the journey and empower patients to live their best lives.

Telling someone who's addicted to opioids to simply quit is like telling them to stop breathing. This is where Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) can be a game changer. William Bruck, Seabrook's Director of Medical Services, opened up to Metro about how it works—and also dispels its biggest misconceptions.

What is Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)?

It's using medication in combination with counseling and behavioral therapy to treat substance abuse disorders. We take a "whole-patient" approach to how we do things—we have a very careful process we go through to make sure patients are also going to counseling to resolve the issues that led to their initial substance use, and that they also have a support system in place. MAT is actually greatly underused, but when done right, it significantly decreases the incidence of relapse.

Isn't MAT just substituting one addictive drug for another?

That's the most common misconception. In reality, these medications help control the intense withdrawal symptoms and physical cravings that show up when coming off an opioid addiction. Those who are addicted experience biochemical changes in the brain so that their drive to seek those drugs is as powerful as their drive to breathe. MAT gives the brain and body time to heal and eases the transition to sobriety. It's also worth noting that only a licensed treatment center, like Seabrook, can administer MAT.

How does Seabrook's MAT program work?

We take a very comprehensive approach that uses two different types of medications. Buprenorphine, also known as Suboxone, works by suppressing cravings; naltrexone actually blocks opioid drugs so that the person won't feel that euphoric high they're looking for. We start with a thorough assessment so that the patient fully understands both pathways. MAT isn't for everyone, but about a quarter of our patients choose it as a treatment option. It's one of the many tools in our toolbox. Of those who do opt for MAT, about 75 percent go with naltrexone.

Do patients who start on MAT have to stay on the medication for the rest of their lives?

Not at all. Seabrook's philosophy is to stay by our patient's side on a "Path to Abstinence," which is unique for each patient. We work closely with patients to monitor their recovery progress and their readiness to move to the next phase. For some, this might be six months; others may be longer.

There are some people who have been on methadone or Suboxone treatment for years. Can Seabrook help taper patients off these drugs?

Absolutely. We've had patients come in who've been on Suboxone for 10 years and feel like they have no other option. It takes a lot of work, but we've been able to taper them off, including people who've been on methadone long term. Again, recovery is unique for every patient—but we believe there's always hope.

Seabrook The Heart of Recovery is a recognized, accredited nonprofit dedicated to treating addiction and co-occurring mental health issues. You can find their treatment centers across New Jersey in Bridgeton, Cherry Hill, Northfield, Morristown and Shrewsbury. To learn more about their forward-thinking approach to individual and family healing, visit http://Seabrook.org.

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The new Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza was opened to the public on Oct. 22. COURTESY OF THE PHILADELPHIA HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION

Holocaust memorial transforms into 'living classroom'

The newly expanded Holocaust memorial in Philadelphia officially opened on Oct. 22.

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Across the block from Love Park in Center City, Philadelphia, a 50-year-old memorial to the Holocaust is revitalized into a "living classroom" teaching tolerance and history to the next generation.

The new Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza was officially opened on Monday at 16th Street and the Parkway, expanding the site of the "Six Million Jewish Martyrs" statue by Nathan Rapoport installed there in 1964 — the first public memorial to the Holocaust in North America — into an educational plaza that more fully tells the story of the tragedy that Jews call the "Shoah" (Hebrew for "calamity").

"While there is no way to repair the millions of families torn apart by the Holocaust, remembering the lessons from this tragedy and imparting them to future generations can enable us to prevent future acts of hatred," Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation (PHRF) chairman David Adelman said at the opening of the new memorial plaza. "We've created the Plaza as a multifaceted living classroom with historical artifacts, poignant democratic messages, and a technology component that will be an important part of reaching the next generation."

The reopened Holocaust Memorial Plaza, officially known as the "Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza," tells the story of how the Nazi Party in Germany rose to power and orchestrated the murder of millions of innocents — an estimated six million Jews, along with another six million victims, including Communists, homosexuals, nonwhites, Gypsies, the disabled, Seventh Day Adventists, and political dissidents.

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David Adelman, Phila. Holocaust Remembrance Foundation chairman

In prepared remarks, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro said: "This unique memorial in Philadelphia is a stark reminder to never forget. It will serve as an important place of remembrance and reflection."

Along with elected officials and dignitaries was Holocaust survivor Anneliese Nossbaum, 90, who was impris-

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oned at the camps at Theresienstadt and Auschwitz.

Renovations of the plaza began in late 2017. Features of the new Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza include:

– Pieces of original railroad tracks, embedded in the pavement, on which victims were transported to the death camp at Treblinka.

– "Six Pillars," a new sculpture symbolizing the six million Jewish victims. The pillars are presented in pairs, each chronicling one atrocity of the Holocaust and pairing it with a message from the U.S. Constitution, "to demonstrate that so long as the United States remains faithful to the Constitution, a genocide like the Holocaust will not occur here," PHRF said.

One pillar stands for "Human Equality" and quotes the Declaration of Independence, which famously was signed in Philadelphia; in contrast stands another pillar representing "The Master Race," the Nazi doctrine of racial superiority of Aryans.

Other pillars contrast "American Democracy" with "Totalitarianism," and "Natural Laws" with the anti-Semitic, racially based "Nuremberg Laws" enacted in 1935 after the Nazis took power, codifying Nazi racism into law.

– A sapling grown from a tree planted by children in the Theresienstadt camp "who recognized that they were unlikely to live long enough to see it mature."

– A tree grove that represents "the woodlands that sheltered the brave heroes of the resistance movement."

– Additionally, a new "IWalk" app, presented by the USC Shoah Foundation, that provides guided tours to the memorial plaza for the public.

Available in English and Spanish, the app is both a guide explaining the memorial, with maps, photos and other media, and testimony from survivors. The USC Shoah Foundation's Institute for Visual History and Education has compiled some 55,000 interviews from survivors.

This project was funded by a $7 million fundraising drive by PHRF. The site of the plaza is leased from the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, and fundraising efforts are ongoing to create an endowment to fund perpetual maintenance and upkeep of the plaza.

Visit the public memorial plaza at the intersection of 16th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. To learn more, visit www.philaholocaustmemorial.org.

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BRIEF

US Bible museum says five of its Dead Sea Scroll fragments fake

The Museum of the Bible in Washington on Monday said five of its artifacts thought to be part of the Dead Sea Scrolls were fake and would not be displayed anymore.

German-based researchers tested the fragments and found five "show characteristics inconsistent with ancient origin and therefore will no longer be displayed," the museum said in a statement.

Academics have long questioned the authenticity of Dead Sea Scroll fragments sold by antiquities dealers. The museum established by the Green family of Oklahoma, who own U.S. craft-store chain Hobby Lobby, funded research over the past two years into whether its 16 Dead Sea Scroll fragments were genuine.

"Though we had hoped the testing would render different results, this is an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the authenticity of rare biblical artifacts," Jeffrey Kloha, chief curatorial officer for the Museum of the Bible, said in the statement.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, composed of hundreds of manuscripts and thousands of fragments of ancient Jewish religious texts, were discovered in the West Bank by Bedouin shepherds in the 1940s. The nearly 2,000-year-old scrolls gave religious scholars a new trove of information on the Hebrew Bible.

Kipp Davis, an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls at Trinity Western University in Canada, was one of several academics who studied the Museum of the Bible's scroll fragments, prompting the museum to send five for testing.

"My studies to date have managed to confirm upon a preponderance of different streams of evidence the high probability that at least seven fragments in the museum's Dead Sea Scrolls collection are modern forgeries, but conclusions on the status of the remaining fragments are still forthcoming," Davis said in the statement. REUTERS

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Philly gets new grant to fund climate change challenge

Bloomberg Foundation helps Philadelphia fight to become a more environmentally-friendly city.

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The Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, which is predicted to rise significantly in coming decades if climate change trends aren't reversed soon. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

With a new U.N. report warning that the world is just 12 years away from dire, irreparable-damage climate change if carbon usage and environmental abuses are not significantly curtailed, Philadelphia is doing its part.

With financial assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Philadelphia's goal to cut its carbon emissions 28 percent by 2025 is getting help, along with 19 other cities, as one of Bloomberg's American Cities Climate Challenge finalists.

Each city will get millions of dollars in investments to participate in a two-year acceleration program to achieve its carbon-reduction goals.

The program, operated by billionaire Michael Bloomberg, the media mogul and former New York City mayor, is intended to help local governments fight climate change even as the Trump administration has been openly hostile to environmental policies.

"With our federal government asleep at the wheel, cities are more important than ever in the fight against climate change," Bloomberg said in a statement announcing the latest round of grant awardees. "These cities are stepping up to the challenge."

Bloomberg said that the Climate Challenge is awarded to cities with "ambitious and realistic plans to cut emissions in ways that improve people's lives, and mayors committed to getting the job done."

Philly Mayor Jim Kenney has led efforts to pursue goals to make Philadelphia the nation's greenest city by 2030,

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with plans that involve cutting the city's energy use in half by that date. Kenney is also one of the nation's leaders who have vowed to adhere to the Paris Agreement — despite President Donald Trump's withdrawal of the U.S. from the agreement, which former President Obama had entered into.

"Now more than ever, local governments must lead on climate action," Kenney said in a statement announcing the grant. "Philadelphia is proud to partner with Bloomberg Philanthropies to scale up our climate action to protect our most vulnerable residents and create a healthy, vibrant and just city for the future."

This grant will bring $2.5 million to Philadelphia, and by 2020 the funds will go toward energy-efficiency projects in residential and office buildings; increasing the generation and use of renewable energy; supporting alternative transportation methods and transition of 6,000 municipal vehicles to electric; and working with SEPTA to convert its fleet to environmentally friendly power sources.

While multinational fossil fuel and oil megacorporations have invested billions over decades to sow doubt and discord in the public's mind about the impacts of climate change, climate scientists unanimously agree that current emissions levels are on a trajectory to irreparably alter the Earth's climate.

The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report earlier this month warning that a significant drawdown of carbon emissions worldwide is urgently needed to head off a global temperature rise of about 1.5 degrees.

Indeed, the IPCC's warnings are intended to possibly curb carbon emissions by 2030 to prevent global temperatures from rising another half-degree to two degrees higher, hotter than the Earth has been in two million years, and triggering environmental calamities that will negatively impact all organic life on the planet.

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Trump vows to cut Central America aid, raises alarm on migrant caravan

The U.N. says the caravan has as many as 7,000 people.

President Donald Trump on Monday vowed to begin curtailing tens of millions of dollars in American aid to three Central American nations and called a caravan of migrants bound for the United States a national emergency as he sought to boost his party's chances in Nov. 6 congressional elections.

"Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were not able to do the job of stopping people from leaving their country and coming illegally to the U.S. We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," Trump wrote in a series of Twitter posts.

Trump and his fellow Republicans have sought to elevate the caravan, currently in southern Mexico inching toward the distant U.S. border, and immigration as campaign issues ahead of the midterm elections, in which his party is fighting to maintain control of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

"Remember the Midterms!" Trump wrote in Twitter posts decrying the caravan and attacking Democrats on immigration, as Republicans sought to energize their conservative political base.

U.S. administrations long have seen aid programs as an essential part of efforts to stabilize the countries of Central America and stem the flow of migrants leaving.

Trump, who has taken a hard line toward illegal immigration since taking office last year, wrote that he had alerted the U.S. military and Border Patrol

"We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them."
President Trump

"that this is a National Emergy [*sic*]," but did not say what actions he was planning. He also complained that Mexico's police and military "are unable to stop" the caravan.

The caravan was moving north again on Monday as migrants poured out of the southern Mexican city of Tapachula near the Guatemalan border, bound for Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of Chiapas state. Some shielded themselves from the midday sun with umbrellas, others with bits of cardboard on which they had slept the previous night. As they left the city and crossed a highway, Mexican drivers honked their horns in solidarity.

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U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq estimated that the caravan includes more than 7,000 people, "many of whom intend to continue the march north" toward the United States.

Trump travels to Texas, a key border state, later on Monday to campaign for Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who is seeking re-election.

Trump was not specific about further aid cuts. Trump also said, without providing evidence, that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners" are mixed in with the caravan, a claim immigration advocates disputed. REUTERS

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The assigned-seating policy at AMC Theatres is annoying and does not work. They need to go back to first-come, first-serve ticketing. First of all, patrons do not know the floor plans of each theater. So it is impossible to know whether you are in a seat you will like or not. I recently went to see "A Star Is Born" at the AMC Lincoln Square. Despite the ticket-seller showing us a seating chart, the tickets we received were right in the front of the screen. This was way too close, especially for a two-and-a-half-hour movie. The chart in no way accurately reflected where our seats were!

Furthermore, if someone really tall sits in front of you, you are stuck, whereas before you could just move. People are also rude and over-entitled about the seating. I have seen people arrive late to a film and make everyone in the theater shift if someone is in "their seats," even when a theater is half-full. Once, some rude people came 20 minutes into a movie, then expected the whole row to move for them. This is ridiculous and disruptive. If we have to endure assigned seats, then latecomers should forfeit the right to a specific seat.

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And finally, people need to sit back in their seats. Sitting forward places the person's head and body in the middle of the screen or stage. Lately, I have also witnessed a few people oddly leaning forward, without regard to the people behind them.

The other issue is people sporting top-knots at films and in theaters, generally. People can't see through hair piled on top of a person's head. I was at a private screening for "BlacKkKlansman" in a small screening room and we literally had to ask a woman to take her hair down. Another time a guy had his locks piled so high on his head at a dance performance that people had to look around him. It should just be common sense that anything that adds 2 to 5 inches to the top of your head is going to obstruct the view of the people behind you.
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Aries Don't make a fuss. You should overlook the little things in life that aggravate you. Enjoy spending time with a loved one. Choose peace over discord.

Taurus If you don't like something, change it. Do what must be done. You are in charge of your fate, so get cracking! Personal changes will please you.

Gemini If you work under the radar, you'll get more done. As soon as you share your intentions, you'll be faced with interference. Be careful and precise before you present something to others.

Cancer Monitor the changes going on around you, but don't meddle. You have far more to gain by keeping your distance and doing your own thing.

Leo Make plans to do something fun and budget-friendly with either a loved one or co-worker. Moderation and attention to detail will be key to your success.

Virgo Focus on finishing what you start without taking a risk or overspending. A change to the way you do things or an update to your skills will broaden your prospects.

Libra Do something nice for someone you care about. Making a kind gesture or reaching out and offering help will make a difference and bring you satisfaction.

Scorpio Take care of your responsibilities to maintain your reputation. As long as you are doing your part, you'll be praised for your contribution.

Sagittarius Invest in yourself, your home and your family, but don't trust anyone to handle your money or personal matters for you. Work hard for what you want to see happen.

Capricorn Put your emotions aside when dealing with peers or matters that could affect your status or relationship with someone special. Practicality and common sense are what's required.

Aquarius Keep moving, as physical activity will help you blow off steam and improve your core strength. Don't give in to pressure tactics being used to prompt you to engage in excessive behavior.

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The first-ever Philly Cider Week is finally here, starting Tuesday, Oct. 23 and running until Wednesday, Oct. 31. There are plenty of fun events throughout the week. For a full list, go to phillyciderweek.com. Here are a few of the highlights.

Official Opening Night at Prohibition Taproom
Join in for Fried Chicken & Cider to start the week off right. Snack on complimentary gluten-free, celiac-friendly fried chicken and 5 oz. pours of a variety of incredible ciders.
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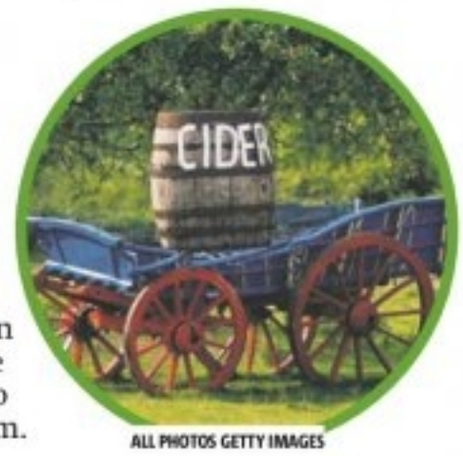

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Oct. 25, 9 p.m.-midnight, Spice Finch, 220 S. 17th St., spicefinchphilly.com

PA Cider Takeover and Special Release at Hale & True
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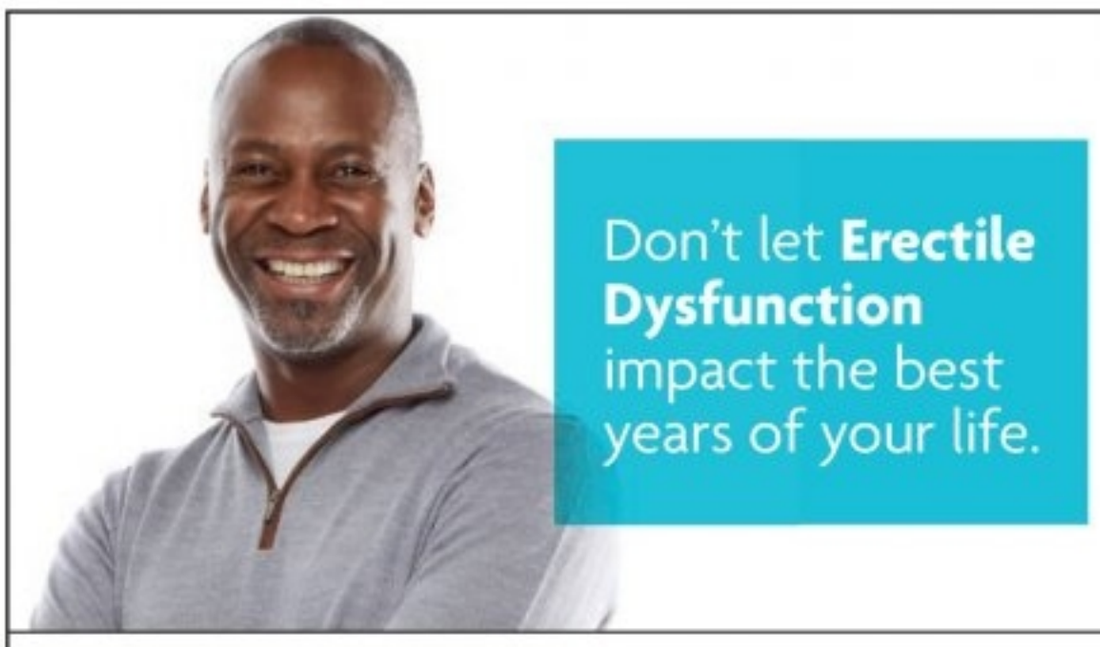

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Ron Livingston on the limits of 'dramedy' and 'Loudermilk' season 2

The star of Peter Farrelly and Bobby Mort's dark comedy opens up about playing with "gallows humor."

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Ron Livingston returns for "Loudermilk" season 2. GETTY IMAGES

More often than not, the term "dramedy" is used to describe television shows that just don't seem to fit squarely into the comedy or drama genres. "BoJack Horseman" on Netflix, "Kidding" on Showtime, "Casual" on Hulu — these and countless others have all been described as such.

And then there's AT&T Audience Network's "Loudermilk," the second season of which premiered last week. Ahead of Tuesday's episode, star Ron Livingston spoke with Metro about the challenges, and the fun, of doing "gallows humor" on a show that is as funny as it is serious. After all, co-creators Peter Farrelly and Bobby Mort set it in the world of drug addiction and rehabilitation.

"There's a little gallows humor to the 12-step recovery world," says Livingston, who plays the titular Sam Loudermilk. "There's something about doing the work of recovery, and really getting under the hood and taking a hard look at yourself, and making an effort to understand it and change it, that brings real focus. It's fun to play characters that aren't built for that, but somehow, when the chips are down, they can. They know how important it is, and they just work at it."

"Loudermilk" follows Sam, a former music critic whose life was upended by his alcoholism, but ultimately (and mostly) turned around by his friend Ben Burns' (Will Sasso) rehab group. Now he's leading his own group, though after a brief relapse at the end of season 1, Sam's finding it more difficult to cope with life's challenges.

"Anybody can be dramatic. Anybody can be funny," explains Livingston. "The fun of this show is that we're trying to do both at the same time. We're trying to keep both of those balls in the air, and that's hard to do."

He's not wrong. The inherent difficulties of trying to utilize the tropes of two incredibly disparate storytelling genres are why so many "dramedies" fail to live up to what they profess to be. At the same time, Livingston isn't convinced that the hybrid genre even exists. Or, at least he doesn't think it's a helpful way to frame television shows like "Loudermilk."

"I think a lot of times, when people talk about dramedies, it's a little bit of a trap," he says. "What happens is you kind of go to the middle, and you give up the extremes of one or the other and you try to be something in the middle. That's really limiting. For us, Pete [Farrelly] was really smart to go the other way with it. He uses the gravity of the fact that we're dealing with life and death issues like addiction and substance abuse recovery to serve as a big counterweight that allows us to go way out into the deep end with the comedy.

"So we're doing broad comedy," Livingston continues. "We're doing dark comedy. We're doing stuff that's more subtle. We're doing physical humor. We're doing site gags. We can do all kinds of stuff, but if we didn't have this particular subject matter to ground it, it might feel a little frivolous. We always have these stakes underlying everything, and somehow, it all comes together and works."

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE GENIUS OF DOUG PEDERSON?

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The Eagles blew a 17-point lead in the fourth against the Panthers. GETTY IMAGES

I miss "Big Balls" Doug Pederson.

The Eagles head coach, who famously refused to turtle up against Bill Belichick in the Super Bowl, was nowhere to be seen in Sunday's 21-17 loss at Lincoln Financial Field.

With 2:10 left in the second quarter against Carolina, Pederson decided to bleed the clock rather than build on a 10-0 lead. Yes, the Eagles were backed up to their own 4-yard line, but gutsy Doug would have aimed for the kill shot. When a long screen pass to Wendell Smallwood got called back for holding, Pederson just packed it in for the half.

I miss balanced Doug Pederson.

Sure, the Andy Reid protégé has always skewed toward the pass. But the Eagles did finish third in the NFL in rushing yards in 2017, and Pederson generally employed the strategy of, pass to get the lead, run to protect the lead.

In Sunday's shocker, the Eagles took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter. From that point on, Pederson called 13 passes and a single run. Most egregiously, the Birds got the ball with 4:02 left in the game and a 17-14 lead. Three straight pass plays netted zero yards, and the Eagles had to punt back to the Panthers for what turned out to be the game-winning drive.

I miss intelligent Doug Pederson.

In his post-game news conference, Pederson said he told his players, "The pressure is off us now."

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WHAT HAPPENED TO DOUG PEDERSON? (CONT.)

Doug Pederson's play-calling in the fourth quarter against the Panthers was puzzling, writes Glen Macnow. GETTY IMAGES

"No one is giving us a chance anyway," he offered with a straight face. "So I think that's the pressure that's off us. We just have to get back to playing and executing better."

Huh?

These are the Super Bowl champions, who have been favored in every game this season. Their franchise quarterback is again healthy and humming along, they won their previous game by three touchdowns, and the stadium was full of screaming supporters on Sunday.

Hey, we know the German shepherd masks galvanized everyone when the Eagles were home underdogs in last year's playoffs. But Pederson needs to have a better answer for the epic collapse than to pull out the old disrespect card.

I miss confident Doug Pederson.

Or, more accurately, in this case I miss a defensive coordinator with the guts to go for the kill shot. Okay, Jim Schwartz has never been a fan of selling out for the blitz. But on Sunday, after an aggressive game plan shut down Cam Newton for three quarters, Schwartz shifted to a prevent defense that, as the cliché goes, merely prevented the Eagles from winning.

You can fairly argue that the lack of depth on the defensive line led to the pass rush fading down the stretch. And you can rant about Jalen Mills and Ronald Darby continuing to play soft and bite on double moves — which also calls into question the effectiveness of defensive backs coach Cory Undlin.

But it was obvious that the Eagles' defense lost its assertiveness in the fourth quarter, hoping the clock would bleed out before they could blow the lead.

It did not.

Last year, Pederson grew into genius status right in front of our eyes. He entered this season telling us that what we witnessed was "the new normal."

Instead, his team has blown huge leads against Tennessee and Carolina, and lost consecutive home games. Rather than the new normal, last season now seems like lightning in a bottle.

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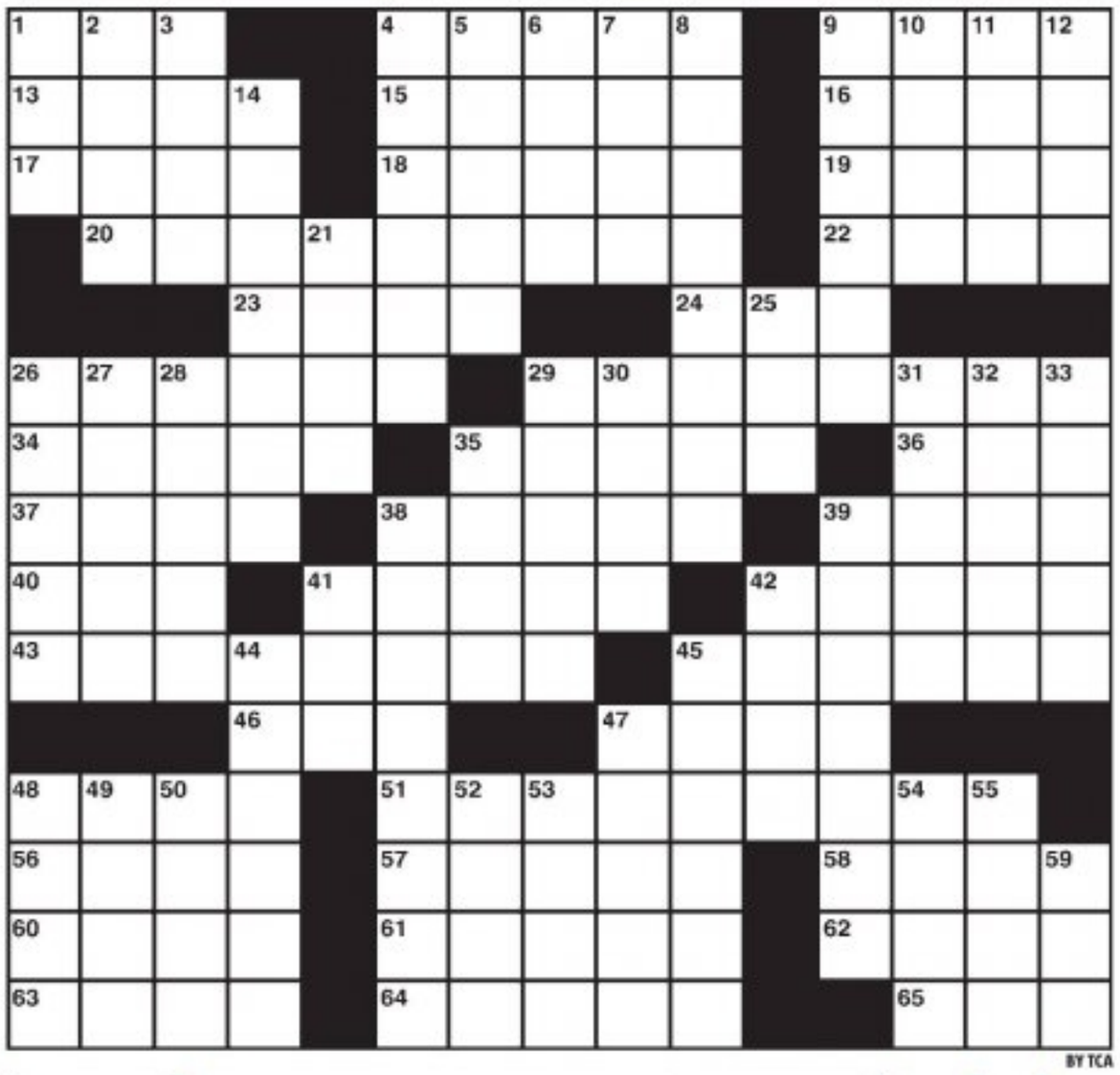

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1 Hairy as an __
4 White-water transports
9 Part of the foot
13 Period before Easter
15 Luau greeting
16 Wood splitters
17 Put money in a piggy bank
18 Short-tailed weasel
19 __ years; 2020, 2024, 2028, etc.
20 Artificial; man-made
22 Griffith or Rooney
23 Wharf
24 Haw's partner, in phrase
26 Spaces below roofs
29 Well-behaved
34 Waterbirds
35 Injures through rough handling
36 Broadcast
37 Faucets
38 Permanent army posts
39 On the loose
40 Rush
41 Does a manicurist's job
42 Tango or twist
43 __ in; signed up for
45 Self-confident
46 British bar
47 Umpire's cry
48 Loafer, for one
51 Decorate
56 Wild feline
57 Provide with new weapons
58 TV crime drama series
60 Tool with a blade
61 Piece of furniture
62 __ away; donated
63 Look curiously
64 Derisive smile
65 "Cry __ River"

DOWN

1 Jolson & Roker
2 Potpie veggies
3 1 of 7 Deadly Sins
4 Itchy red patches
5 Modify
6 Linear measure
7 Bangkok language
8 Shoulder bags
9 Deli purchase
10 Work animals
11 Go before others
12 Notice
14 Bowling
21 Tourette's syndrome symptoms
25 Ames and Asner
26 TV's "__ World Turns"
27 Tom Sawyer's creator
28 __ off; diminish bit by bit
29 Rowed
30 No ifs, ands, or __
31 Makes money
32 Sister's daughter
33 Cornered
35 Internal spy
38 Hazelnuts
39 Not succeeding
41 Reason to call in sick
42 Gift for a little girl
44 Can __; kitchen appliance
45 Arnie with a club
47 TV's "Uncle Miltie"
48 __ in the face; insult
49 Conceal
50 Leak out
52 Cruel
53 __ in the woods; innocent one
54 Con game
55 Bee's home
59 Body of water

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